

The chart below shows the differences between the John and Abigail Scholarship and the Stanley Z. Koplik Certificate of Mastery.<sup>1</sup> If you have questions, please contact Richard Salus at 781-338-6252 or by e-mail at [rsalus@doe.mass.edu](mailto:rsalus@doe.mass.edu).

**Koplik Certificate of Mastery**

**John and Abigail Adams Scholarship**

<p>Students initially qualify by scoring, at the least, in the <i>Advanced</i> category in English Language Arts <u>or</u> Mathematics and <i>Advanced</i> or <i>Proficient</i> in the other subject area on the grade 10 MCAS assessments.</p>	<p>Students qualify by scoring, at the least: (a) in the <i>Advanced</i> category in English Language Arts <u>or</u> Mathematics and <i>Advanced</i> or <i>Proficient</i> in the other subject area on the grade 10 MCAS assessments; <u>and</u>, (b) in the top 25% of the students in the district on these tests.</p>
<p>Students must apply for the Certificate through their guidance counselors by May of their senior year. In order to receive the Certificate they must demonstrate additional academic achievements, such as high scores on AP or SATII subject tests or high academic achievements or recognitions beyond their individual school. Full information on additional requirements is included in the application forms available to guidance counselors on MassONE. Students must keep a copy of their Certificate of Mastery to show when they register for college.</p>	<p>Students who qualify are notified by letter in their senior year. NO further application is necessary, but students must keep their letter to show when they register for college.</p>
<p>Students receive a tuition waiver to state colleges and universities that is in effect for 8 semesters. The waiver does not cover fees, books, or other expenses. The waiver is in effect as long as the student maintains a GPA of 3.3 or better.</p>	<p>Students receive a tuition waiver to state colleges and universities that is in effect for 8 consecutive traditional semesters or 4 years. The waiver does not cover fees, books, or other expenses. A student must begin to use the waiver in the first fall semester after graduation from high school. The waiver is in effect as long as the student maintains a GPA of 3.0 or better.</p>
<p>The tuition waiver applies to Massachusetts public state colleges and universities with the exception of the Massachusetts Maritime Academy</p>	<p>The tuition waiver applies to all Massachusetts public state colleges and universities with the exception of the Massachusetts Maritime Academy and the Massachusetts College of Art.</p>

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<sup>1</sup> It should be noted that only students who are legal Massachusetts' residents are eligible to receive a tuition waiver.